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OVERVIEW

With a nationwide bankruptcy practice, Tara represents creditors, landlords, and corporate and high net worth debtors in bankruptcy and insolvency matters.

Tara focuses her practice on restructurings, creditors' rights, collections, and bankruptcy matters, managing bankruptcy cases throughout their full life cycle. She has represented a diverse range of clients throughout her career, including taxing authorities, government entities, utility companies, real estate developers, Chapter 7 and 11 trustees, and corporate entities. Her extensive background in insolvency law has positioned her as a trusted advisor in high-stakes cases, including those involving major real estate, retail, and oil and gas bankruptcies. Currently, Tara most often represents landlords and large national companies as creditors and is particularly passionate about expanding her work with complex Chapter 11 debtors.

Tara has dealt with bankruptcy courts across the country and has experience in nearly every U.S. bankruptcy jurisdiction. She is well-versed in the intricacies of local bankruptcy rules alongside the federal bankruptcy code, and she has represented creditors in nationwide matters.

After beginning her career in property tax, Tara transitioned to creditor and debtor work and discovered a passion for the complexity of bankruptcy law. She particularly enjoys the multifaceted nature of the practice area, which often intersects with real estate, oil and gas, and corporate matters.

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Service

Insolvency & Commercial Bankruptcy

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Known as a strong advocate who will fight for clients, Tara takes pride in ensuring that clients never have to worry about cases she's managing. She's also someone clients simply enjoy working with—an attorney they actually want to call.

Experience

- Extensive participation and negotiation in Chapter 11 filings such as *Ditech Financial*, *LLC*, Sears Holding Corporation, Charming Charlie Holdings, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, Senior Care Centers, LLC, and Basic Energy Services, Inc.
- Represented Chapter 7 and 11 trustees as general and special litigation counsel.
- Managed nationwide practice representing creditors, landlords, and corporate and high networth debtors.
- Managed bankruptcy cases along full lifecycle, including case strategy, discovery, communications with opposing counsel, motion practice, and trial work.
- Represented creditors in national bankruptcy matters.
- Advised clients on complexities in bankruptcy law, state fraudulent transfer provisions, creditors rights, and responsibilities.
- Counseled clients regarding lien priority status, post-bankruptcy lien filings and rights, and lien retention during bankruptcy.
- Defended clients during first-day cash collateral disputes, utility motions and adequate protection, and contract rights during the sales process.
- Protected clients facing assumption or rejection of leases in bankruptcy.
- Defended preference actions.
- Asserted reclamation, 503(b)(9), administrative, and routine claims and offered defense of any objections.

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Recognition

- Wilco Woman of the Year, 2025
- The National Black Lawyers' Texas Top 40 under 40
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2025
- Houstonia Magazine, Top Lawyer, 2022

Education

- J.D., Baylor Law School
- B.A., Southwestern University

Admissions

- Texas
- New Jersey

Community Leadership

- Place 4, Planning and Zoning Committee
- Leander Educational Excellence Foundation, Executive Board, Upcoming President